

Mama language

Mama, or **Kantana**, is one of the Southern Bantoid Jarawan languages of Nigeria.

The number of speakers is unclear. A figure of 20,000 was published in 1973.^[3] In 2011, "Kantana" (presumably the same language) was said to have 2,000–3,000 speakers, mostly over 25 years old.^[1] A partial count of the ethnic community in the 2006 census was 6,000–9,000.

References

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Mama	
Kantana	
Native to	Nigeria
Region	Nassarawa State
Native speakers	2,000–3,000? (2001) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Niger–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Benue–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Southern Bantoid<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bantu? (Zone A)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mbam<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jarawan<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nigerian Jarawan<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mama</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	mma
Glottolog	mama1272 (http://glottolog.org/resource/anguoid/id/mama1272) ^[2]

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